

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: HING ET AL.

SERIAL NO.: 09/787,922

FILED: June 13, 2001

FOR: FOAMED CERAMICS

GROUP ART UNIT: 1731

EXAMINER: C. Fiorilla

ATTY. REFERENCE: HING 8001/REF



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THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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- ☒ Also enclosed is/are: Amendment

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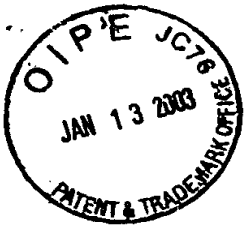
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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of October 11, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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Please replace the original Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet of paper. The marked-up version showing the changes made are on the marked-up copy after the amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim 1.

1(Amended). A method of producing a synthetic bone material for use in biomedical applications, said synthetic bone material comprising a macroporous ceramic foam which has an open foam structure containing pores with a modal diameter  $d_{\text{mode}} \geq 100 \mu\text{m}$ , which method comprises: